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NEWSY LETTERS BY REGULAR CORRESPONDENTS

News Items of Interest to Herald Readers Ebb and Flow of the Human Tide

FORK

Mrs. W. R. Fort has returned home after spending a month in Virginia and Tennessee.

Miss Ellen Murph, of the school faculty, spent the week-end with Miss Helen Roberts, of Smithboro.

Miss Emma Carmichael, who is teaching at Kemper, spent the week-end at home.

Miss Nellie Rogers, of Marion, spent several days last week here with relatives.

Mrs. Barnes, of Barnesville, is visiting Mrs. R. S. Moore.

OAK GROVE

There was a big land sale here last Wednesday, the P. C. Dew sand hill place, near here, and the J. S. Hayes tract at this place, being auctioned off by the McLaurin Mills Realty Company, of Bennettsville. Quite a good sized crowd was present, among whom were a number of ladies.

The Dew place was the first put up and brought a good price. The greater part of the day was consumed in the sale of the Hayes tract, which was cut up into small farms and town lots. This body of land did not bring a price satisfactory to the owner and the sale did not stand. Doubtless the gloomy outlook for cotton will cause a considerable shrinkage, at least for the present, in land values.

The appearance of the boll weevil also had its effect. This pest has already made its appearance in Dillon county. It has been said, however, that he is not so bad on sand land as on stiff land. If that be true those who own sandy lands had better hold on to them.

Work on the new school building is progressing nicely.

The Methodist congregation christened their new church Sunday morning by holding Sabbath school services in the building.

The fourth quarterly conference for the Brownsville circuit was held last Saturday morning at Bethlehem with the presiding elder, Rev. D. A. Phillips in charge.

Rev. C. S. Feider was in this section last week in the interest of his work.

Miss Etta Sue Sellers, of Latta, home demonstration agent for Dillon county was here one afternoon last week.

The cotton fields of this section are "white unto the harvest," but the pickers seem few. However, since the storm some of the farmers are getting on picking fairly well. The crop as a whole is much better than last year.

TOBACCO BUSINESS DURING SEPTEMBER

Lake City Banner Market in State During Last Month—Timmonsville Next.

Columbia, Oct. 10.—The tobacco business in South Carolina was less for last month than for the September of 1919 by more than three million pounds and netted to the planters more than a half million dollars less than in September of last year, the prices averaging 17.46 as compared with 19.51 for September, 1919, according to the September tobacco report issued by the Department of Agriculture here today. At that, however, the tobacco crop meant more to the State for September, 1920, than for any September in ten years save three.

The tobacco producers in September totalled 8,713,961 pounds, for which was paid the total amount of \$1,520,960. For September last year there were 11,823,768 pounds sold, bringing \$2,189,105. In September, 1918, the crop was slightly over three and a half million pounds, bringing \$657,720. The year 1916 and 1917 had learn Septembers, so far as tobacco was concerned. In 1915 the September tobacco totaled over twelve million pounds, and in 1914 over nineteen million. These were the two banner Septembers of the past decade.

The highest price ever paid for September tobacco was in 1917, when it averaged 21.23 cents. This was September's average price of 17.46 cents is higher than any September except 1917, 1918 and 1919.

More tobacco was sold at Lake City than at any other point in the State in September, two and a quarter million pounds being sold there. Timmonsville came next, Darlington third, and Mullins fourth. There were 15 markets reporting sales in September, at 29 warehouses. The entire tobacco business for the State in September, counting sales for producers, sales for dealers and re-sales by warehouses, totaled 19,549,198 pounds, bringing a total of \$1,779,460.

Comparison for months of September for past ten years, sold for producers from first hand:

Year.	Lbs. Sold.	Am. Paid
1911	4,378,763	628,169.64
1912	3,994,697	364,843.48
1913	5,359,593	709,068.14
1914	19,552,988	1,725,189.15
1915	12,914,004	915,382.95
1916	438,917	62,970.45
1917	732,143	158,163.69
1918	3,667,626	657,720.58
1919	11,823,768	2,189,105.19
1920	8,713,961	1,520,960.19

FIND TWO TURNERS GUILTY OF MURDER

Room Crowded During Trial of Alleged Slayers of Edwin White

Marion, Oct. 2.—The jury in the case of the State vs. Thomas, Mack and Archie Turner, charged with the killing of Edwin White last March, today brought in a verdict of guilty of murder with a recommendation to the mercy of the court as to Mack Turner and Archie Turner. Tom Turner's case really was ended yesterday when Judge Prince ordered the jury to bring in a verdict in the old man's favor.

The court room has been crowded all the week and for the first time ever noted in a Marion court the white people literally crowded the colored people out of court. On the first day of the trial Judge Prince caused the court room doors to be closed, so great was the crowding and confusion. Thursday the weight of the people mashed one of the posts of the courthouse, caused a heavy timber stringer to crack and begin to break. This case, which has attracted State-wide attention, came on for trial Wednesday morning and until Judge Prince began his charge to the jury early today, Attorneys Stackhouse and Woods for the defense and Solicitor Gasque, assisted by Attorney Bullard, of the North Carolina bar, carried on a fierce legal battle. Every particle of evidence was fought over and every legal technicality was taken advantage of.

History of Case

It is recalled that Edwin White, a quiet, harmless citizen, left his home one afternoon in March to go to a neighbor who had gone on before in the erecting of a tombstone over the grave of a loved one. The road he followed as he walked away from home curves within sight of the house and his sister watching him as he turned that curve was the last person to see him except the Turners until his body was discovered nine weeks later by a party of fishermen in Little Pee Dee river.

Two negroes, who admitted that they had written certain threatening letters to Mr. White, had been arrested under suspicion and placed in jail long before the body was found. Feeling in the community ran very high and strong against them and particularly after the body was found in the river, and it became known that the body had been wrapped with wire and plow irons fastened thereon.

Sheriff Rowell and his deputy, Furman Edwards, continued to work on the case and it being alleged that there had been a small amount of trouble between Mack Turner and Edwin White, they began a close investigation at the Turner home. One day Deputy Edwards found a broken plow point which matched with the iron found on the dead body fitted perfectly. The Turners were then placed in jail. At first they stoutly denied any connection with the killing but finally Archie Turner, it is said, admitted the killing but claimed that it was an accident. Later Mack Turner admitted, it is said, that Archie killed White but varied the story about the disposition of the dead body. Archie claimed that he alone disposed of it, while Mack claimed that he helped Archie. Later all of them, it is said, agreed that Archie killed White by accident and that his brother Mack and his father Tom helped him dispose of the body.

Threw Body in River

It was Archie and Tom who committed the body to the deep water in a cove of Little Pee Dee river, according to the tale told in court. Archie Turner was the only defendant to take the stand in court and he made a most remarkable witness. He remained firm and cool under the heavy fire of questions and not once did he waver or quiver. His was a most remarkable example of physical nerve. A more nimble-witted man never faced a volley of questions with clearer or more rapid answers. The attorneys for the defense have filed a notice of appeal for a new trial. The people feel, it is believed, that this is really the end of the Edwin White murder case mystery.

EXPRESSES THANKS FOR SENTENCE TO BE HANG

Washington, Oct. 8.—"Thank you."

This was the remark today of 21-year-old John McHenry when sentenced to be hanged December 14, for killing Detective Sergeant James B. Armstrong.

When asked by the clerk of the court if he had anything to say as to why the sentence should not be pronounced, he answered crisply: "Make the time short as possible."

ED. KIRBY COMES CLEAR

Ed. Kirby, the young white man of the Dathan section, who was charged with statutory rape on a young girl near Mullins some weeks ago, was acquitted by a jury in the general sessions court at Marion last week. The prosecutrix, whose home is in the Free State section, alleged that Kirby took her to Mullins to see his uncle and assaulted her a short distance out of Mullins. The defendant admitted taking the girl to Mullins, but denied having assaulted her, claiming that the trip and the alleged assault was a "frame-up" to get him into trouble. Kirby was represented by N. B. Hargrove, of Dillon, and Mullins & Hughes, of Marion.

HON. R. I. MANNING SPEAKS HERE TODAY

Former Governor Richard I. Manning, president of the American Products and Import Corporation, will make an address at the school auditorium today at 11 o'clock. Mr. Manning will explain in detail the plans now under way to organize the gigantic corporation which aims to open European markets to American cotton and thus relieve the congested condition of the American markets which it is claimed is responsible for the low price of the staple. The American Products and Import Corporation has a capital stock of \$10,000,000 and is backed by the brains of the south. It plans to sell cotton direct to Germany and Austria, whose markets have been closed to the southern cotton planter since the outbreak of the war in 1914. The corporation has well-defined plans for sending cotton direct to Europe, and Governor Manning has a message which every farmer in Dillon county should hear. It is not a state-wide corporation, but takes in the entire cotton growing belt and has the support of farmers both large and small all over the south. The meeting opens promptly at 11 o'clock.

WOMAN APPLIES FOR GAME WARDEN'S JOB

Greenville, Oct. 10.—A widow, with four children, has applied to Governor Cooper for appointment to the place of chief game warden of Carolina, adding to her letter: "It's a man's job to support four children and I think I ought to have a man's job."

"I know nothing whatever about the job," she says, with engaging frankness, "but I can learn" and a "widow woman" supporting four children somehow impresses the ordinary pedestrian as a person who can learn.

Unfortunately for the applicant, however, the place, from the present indications will not be filled by appointment. Wade Hampton Gibbs, present chief game warden, after conferences with Governor Cooper, has stated that he will continue to serve until March 1, and has withdrawn his resignation.

FALSE RUMORS.

A report was current Monday that incendiary notices had been posted on the doors of several big gineries in this section, but an investigation disclosed that the rumors were without foundation. There are no such lawless characters in Dillon county, and thoughtful men discredited the rumor when they first heard it. Several large gineries in this section are running on half time owing to a shortage of seed cotton, and will probably continue to run that way until picking becomes more general, but they have received no protests or warnings.

D. A. R. MEETING

The Rebecca Pickens Chapter, D. A. R., met Tuesday with Mrs. M. G. Bethea, Mrs. L. R. Craig, Regent, presiding. Much business was transacted. Mrs. W. H. Muller, chairman of the year book committee, distributed attractive books.

Miss Mary Bethea is the chapter's delegate to the County Federation on Saturday at Hamer.

The following interesting program was carried out:

Mrs. Lottie Bethea, chairman, read a splendid paper on the "Laughing of the Pilgrims."

Mrs. J. R. Watson played a charming medley of patriotic songs.

Mrs. F. L. Bethea read a message to the D. A. R. from the President General on the suffrage question.

The singing by the chapter of "America" was another feature.

Sandwiches, coffee and preserved ginger was served by Mesdames J. G. Gibson, Lottie Bethea, G. D. Barlow and the hostess.

AVON CLUB MEETS

The first fall meeting of the Avon Club was held with Mrs. A. V. Bethea, near Dillon Friday afternoon. Pretty flowers and pot plants added attraction to the home. After the summer holidays there was much business. The election of officers resulted as follows:

President, Mrs. Pierce Rogers.

Secretary, Mrs. Frank Thompson.

With Mrs. L. R. Craig, chairman, the following program was rendered:

Subject: "American Citizenship."

Papers, by Mrs. Lenz Williams and Mrs. Mary Carter.

Late in the afternoon a delicious social course was served by the hostess, assisted by Mrs. Fitz Hugh Bethea.

SERVICES AT THE METHODIST CHURCH

Main Street Methodist Church.—Dr. Watson B. Duncan, pastor.

Sunday school at 10 a. m., Mr. W. H. Muller, superintendent.

Prayer at 11 a. m., by Rev. D. A. Phillips.

Preaching at 7:30 p. m., by the pastor. Subject: "The Gospel of Power."

Prayer service on Wednesday at 7:30 p. m., followed by choir practice.

Public cordially invited to all services.

STATE CENSUS FIGURES

Total Population of South Carolina Is 1,683,662.

South Carolina's total population, as announced from Washington Wednesday by the census bureau, is 1,683,662, as against 1,515,400 in 1910 should be extremely gratifying on the whole to the people of the State. This is a gross increase of 168,262.

The basis of representation now is 211,000 per representative. Under the old time apportionment South Carolina would need a few additional thousands for an extra representative, as eight congressmen would require 1,688,000, which is 4,338 above the total population of 1,683,662.

Thus, while the state will not gain an additional congressman, the increase would allow a congressman for each 235,000 population and the reapportionment figures will not likely exceed this figure.

The increase in population for South Carolina is placed 11.1 per cent, which is the lowest figure in half a century.

The total population as given is 1,683,663, an increase of 168,262.

Going back half a century, the increase in 1870 was given as only three-tenths of 1 per cent over 1860. The south had been drained by the ravages of the Confederate war and only 1,898 more people were then living in South Carolina than in 1860. The total population in 1870 was 705,606.

In 1880 a large increase was registered, the percentage in that census being 41.1, with a total population of 995,577.

The 11th census of 1890 gave South Carolina a population of 1,151,149, or an increase of 15.6 per cent.

The census of 1900 gave the state a population of 1,340,316, or an increase of 16.4 per cent.

BELL-MCLAURIN

Invitations have been received in Dillon to the marriage of Miss Sadie Louise Bell, of Rock Hill, to Mr. Sam McLaurin. The happy event will be solemnized at the home of the bride in Rock Hill, S. C., at 8 o'clock on Wednesday evening October 27th. Miss Bell is a former teacher in the Dillon schools and has many friends here who will be delighted to know that she is to make Dillon her home again. Mr. McLaurin has for many years been deputy clerk of court and was last summer elected clerk of court by a flattering vote. He has many friends not only in Dillon and Dillon county but also in Marlboro, his native home, who will learn of the approaching event with unusual interest.

NEWSY NEWS NOTES

Bamboo is split into phonograph needles by machinery at a rate of 10,000 needles an hour and another machine, into which they are fed by hand, can sharpen 30,000 a day.

A Canadian picture card company, ordering lithograph work in this country, found the Stars and Stripes instead of the Union Jack flying over all the buildings of Winnipeg, Manitoba, when the cards were returned. The cards were order destroyed, but by error the Canadian Customs sold them as unclaimed goods, placing them in distribution.

The theory that youth may be renewed by inserting animal glands into the human body has degenerated into a matter of heated debate between German and French scientists.

In many districts in Russia the crops are so poor that there is not sufficient to supply the residents. The shortage will be felt principally in the Soviet districts where little food was grown and transportation facilities had been ruined by neglect and mismanagement.

COURT OF COMMON PLEAS

The fall term Court of Common Pleas, which should have convened at 10 o'clock Monday, did not convene until Tuesday morning. The delay was due to the absence of a court stenographer. The regular stenographer, Mr. James Kilgo, could not be present at the opening day and was under the impression that he had made arrangements with another stenographer to take his place. The other stenographer found that he could not be present at the opening and wrote Mr. Kilgo to that effect, but the letter failed to reach Mr. Kilgo in time, and therefore when court convened Monday there was no stenographer present. Judge H. F. Rice, of Aiken, who is presiding at this term, adjourned court until Tuesday morning when the court stenographer arrived.

All of Tuesday was devoted to hearing the case of the estate of A. J. C. Cottingham, against H. A. Hasty. Mr. Hasty had the Cottingham lands rented for a period of years and the contract provided that he was to keep the ditches cleaned out to their original depth and width. The executor's claim that he failed to carry out this provision in the contract and brought suit for \$5,000. Another allegation in the complaint is that when Mr. Hasty moved away from the place he, hauled off a consignment to the value of \$100. All of Tuesday was consumed in taking testimony and the case went to the jury yesterday morning.

COUNTY FAIR OPENS TUESDAY.

Big Carnival Company Ready For Opening—Free Acts Twice Daily.

Dillon county's first annual fair opens promptly at 9 o'clock next Tuesday morning. The heads of committees have been at work all the week getting the various departments ready for the opening day and the indications are that Dillon's first fair will surpass the most sanguine expectations of the promoters of the enterprise.

The big carnival company which has just closed a week's engagement with the Norfolk, Newbern and Rocky Mount fairs will arrive Saturday night and have its various attractions ready for the opening. This is said to be one of the largest carnival companies that ever came south and Dillon is the smallest town at which it has ever pitched its tents. It is said to be a high-class carnival and carries many excellent attractions.

The racing will be a feature of the week. Dillon has in the past held many fine racing events, but in point of number of horses fair week races will eclipse all previous races on the Dillon track. Horses are coming in from everywhere. In addition to the horses that have been on the Virginia-Carolina circuit there will be horses here from Tennessee, Kentucky, Georgia and other States. The Fair Racing Circuit, which will take in Columbia, Orangeburg, Greenville and Spartanburg opens at Dillon and this alone assures an unusually large number of horses.

There will be two free acts daily, one in the morning and the other in the afternoon. The Sprunt-Farman Company will have its new airplane ready, and flights will be made all during the day from the company's landing field just outside of the fair grounds.

Section 1. Be it ordained by the Town Council of the Town of Dillon, in meeting duly assembled, that from and after the passage of this ordinance it shall be unlawful for any person to drive an automobile at a greater rate of speed than fifteen (15) miles per hour, within the incorporate limits of the Town of Dillon, and upon turning corners within the corporate limits, or passing from one street to another, all automobiles shall slow down and shall pass all corners at a speed of not more than six (6) miles per hour.

Section 2. That all automobiles coming into Main street from First avenue, north and south, shall come to a stop before entering Main street, and that all automobiles going out of Main street into First avenue, north and south, shall come to a stop before entering said First avenue.

Section 3. That no child under the age of fifteen years shall be allowed to drive an automobile within the incorporate limits of the Town of Dillon.

Section 4. That all automobiles or other motor vehicles when coming in opposite directions upon the streets of said town shall turn to the right, pass upon the left of the passing vehicle or machine, and in passing when both machines are going in the same direction, the passing machine shall pass on the left side of the one being passed, only after giving notice by signal or horn of such intention to pass.

Section 5. That all automobiles and motor driven vehicles are required to park as follows: On Main street between the Seaboard Air Line Railroad and the Methodist church, all cars must be parked in the middle of the street and NOT parked at sidewalk at any time, and shall not turn except it be at the intersection of a street, and must at ALL TIMES drive on the right side of the street. On the following streets cars must be parked with race facing the sidewalk: On both sides of Railroad on Railroad avenue; and on First avenue between Harrison street and Hampton street.

Section 6. Any violation of this ordinance shall constitute a misdemeanor and shall be punishable by a fine of not less than one nor more than one hundred dollars, or by imprisonment of not more than thirty days in the discretion of the mayor.

Approved: J. H. HAMER, Mayor.

Attest: J. B. EDWARDS, City Clerk.

JACKSON AND WILLIAMS ARE HARD TO FIND

Greenville, Oct. 11.—Although Joe Jackson and Lefty Williams, suspended Chicago White Sox players arrived here more than a week ago for a visit to Jackson's relatives, they have been as hard to find as a needle in a hay stack by reporters searching for developments. There was no word of welcome for the ousted ball players from the people of Greenville and apparently there had been miscommunication of a story of their arrival. The glad hand of welcome was extended only by a few friends at Greenwood, a suburb of Greenville, where Jackson worked at the Brunswick Cotton Mills at one dollar a day before he began professional baseball in 1909.

It is reported that an owner of an apartment house in Greenville declined to rent the ball players an apartment because of the baseball scandal.

ARRESTED ON SERIOUS CHARGE

Will Freeman, World War Veteran, Charged With Assault on Young Woman.

Will Freeman, white, world war veteran and wearer of two medals for bravery in action, is in the county jail charged with criminal assault on a young woman whose parents reside within a few miles of town. The preliminary, which was to have been held Tuesday morning before Judge Haselden, was postponed on motion of the defendant's attorneys. The alleged assault is said to have taken place Monday night on the public road between Dillon and Smithboro. The young woman claims that she had been visiting at Smithboro and was returning home in young Freeman's automobile when he stopped the car in the road and attempted to assault her. Freeman stoutly denies the charges and claims that he stopped the car to make an adjustment under the footboard. He expressed surprise when the warrant was served on him charging him with attempted assault. The case will likely come up before Judge Haselden this week. Freeman served overseas with Pershing's forces and distinguished himself in action. He wears two medals for bravery in action. Freeman is about 24 years of age and has a family.

McMASTER SUING FORD FOR HALF A MILLION

Columbia, Oct. 11.—Henry Ford, the automobile manufacturer, is being sued for a half million dollars in the Circuit Court here, the case beginning today, by S. B. McMaster, Columbia merchant. Mr. McMaster claims damages from an order issued several years ago by Mr. Ford to all his dealers, forbidding them to sell for Ford cars a wide-gauge attachment manufactured by Mr. McMaster. The case was instituted several years ago, and has been appealed by the motor manufacturer several times, on the question of jurisdiction. He claimed that it was a case for Federal court. Mr. McMaster won this point by making E. M. DuPre, Clombia Ford dealer, one of the respondents. The case is before the jury for the first time today.

PROGRAM OF DILLON COUNTY FEDERATION AT HAMER, SATURDAY, OCTOBER 16.

Morning Session—10:30 O'clock—Song—America.

Invocation—Rev. J. A. McQueen. Address of Welcome—Mrs. R. P. Hamer.

Response—Mrs. R. T. Renfrow. President's Address—Mrs. L. Cottingham.

Business Session Report of Loan Fund Chairman—Mrs. John Hargrove.

Report of Thrift Chairman—Miss Etta Sue Sellers.

Report of County Nurse—Miss Caro Belle McLeod.

Address: Health Crusade—Miss Chauncey Blackburn.

Music—Misses Eula and Beulah Braddy.

Address: Citizenship—Hon. Julian C. McHarris.

Recess for lunch.

Afternoon Session—2 O'clock Music.

Aims of Clubs for Coming Year Stated by Delegates.

Address: Public Health Work in South Carolina—Mrs. Ruth A. Dodd, Supervisor of Child Hygiene and Public Health Nursing, State Board of Health.

Election of officers.

WARNING TO GROWERS OF SWEET POTATOES

Clemson College, Oct. 11.—Sweet potatoes should be dug before frost or continued cold weather approaching frost. The sweet potato is a tropical plant and both vines and roots may be damaged by temperature above the frost point, warns the Extension Service, horticulturists.

The earliest date of the first killing frost in the Piedmont section is October 23rd. Sandhill section November 1st. Coastal section November 9th.

The prevalent idea that the vines must be frosted before the potatoes are dug is wrong and the practice dangerous. It is unsafe to wait later than the above dates to gather potatoes. Many growers who waited until frost last year lost their entire crops, regardless of the kind of storage facilities.

Of the two evils, immaturity and frost injury, the former is least injurious, as the immature potatoes can be kept, while, frost bitten roots can not be kept under any condition.

Vines should not be removed except from potatoes to be dug the same day. Experiments and observations indicate that potatoes so treated are hard to cure. However, if frost kills the vines before potatoes can be dug, clip the main stem at base of plant before throwing away place.

The house should be filled within two or three days, and curing should begin on first day and continued ten weather conditions.

There is more danger resulting from under-curing than over-curing, the latter being indicated by the appearance of some sprouts, a condition which is undesirable but more safe than the absence of all sprouts.